

GOV. FERGUSON FEARS DISASTROUS WASION; MORE SOLDIERS SOUTH

TROUBLE ZONE ALONG BORDER IS SPREADING

U. S. Forces So Far Unable to
Cope With Anarchy.

Situation Grave and Perilous,
Says Texas Executive.

ALL TROOPS MAY BE NEEDED

Four More Companies of Sol-
diers to Brownsville.

Carranza Commander Lays
Brigandage to Huertistas.

Brownsville, Aug. 12.—Three more
Mexican outlaws were today added to
the list of killed in a battle at near
Mercedes, Hidalgo county, thirty miles
northwest of here. No report of
whether soldiers, county officers or
rangers were in the fight has been re-
ceived.

Officers have adopted a policy of
refusing to give details of fights in
which they were concerned. This is
said to account for the lack of con-
firmation of a report that eight other
Mexican bandits were killed in Hida-
lgo county since Friday.

More Troops at Brownsville.

Three companies of United States
troops from Laredo reached Brown-
sville today, the fourth company of the
battalion having been detached at
Kingsville.

General E. P. Naffarette, Carranza
commander at Matamoros, today de-
clares that a thousand of his men could
enter Texas to incite uprising against
the Americans, and gives for his reason
that he has only 500 men between
Aldam and the mouth of the Rio
Grande. He charges that the brigand-
age in Texas is caused by Huertistas
in anticipation of Carranza recog-
nition by the United States.

Action by the federal govern-
ment in response to the appeal
to President Wilson made by
Governor Ferguson of Texas, who
asked for an increase of troops
in the lower Rio Grande valley, was
awaited today by officials, who so far
have not been successful in fully com-
bating the depredations of bands of
Mexican ranch raiders who in the last
several days have caused the deaths
of nearly a score of persons in this
section.

Governor Ferguson, in his appeal,
declared the situation was "perilous
and grave" and was doubtful of the
ability of the state forces and local
officers longer to control the situa-
tion.

Funston Report Resented.

Citizens of Brownsville and other
border cities did not agree with Gen-
eral Funston that the troubles were
due to political feuds in this section,
and protests to his statement contin-
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PLUNGE TO DEATH

Quartermaster of Aero Squad Is
Killed at Fort Sill.

Lieutenant Probably Fatally In-
jured in Plane Fall.

Fort Sill, Ok., Aug. 12.—Quar-
termaster George H. Knox of the first
aero squadron, U. S. A., was killed
and Lieut. R. E. Sutton, his aide, was
probably fatally injured today when
an airplane in which they were fly-
ing fell five hundred feet. The squad-
ron has just been transferred from
California.

The aviators ascended about 9
o'clock this morning. They had been
aloft but a few minutes when the
airplane suddenly was seen to be
falling.

Captain Knox and his aide made
desperate efforts to control the ma-
chine.

FRAMING JAP CABINET

Tokio's Ambassador to France Accepts
Foreign Portfolio.

Tokio, Aug. 12.—Baron Kikujiro
Ishii, Japanese ambassador to France,
has accepted the foreign portfolio in
the new cabinet of Premier Count
Okuma. Baron Ishii replaces Count
Okuma, who assumed the foreign por-
tfolio temporarily on account of the
declination of Takaaki Kato, foreign
minister in the cabinet which resig-
ned last month, to serve in this capacity
in the new government.

NEW HAITIEN PRESIDENT

National Assembly Elevates General
Dartignave; Quiet Prevails.

Port au Prince, Aug. 12.—General
Dartignave was today elected presi-
dent of the Haitian republic by the
National assembly. Calm prevails.

VILLA PROPOSES TRUCE; TAKES STAND FOR PEACE

Washington, Aug. 12.—General
Villa has informed the United
States government that he is will-
ing to sign a truce of three months
duration with his opponents, dur-
ing which time a peace conference
shall be held.

General Villa, who has been in
conference at El Paso and Juarez
with Major General Scott, chief of
staff of the United States army
and American consul agents, has
expressed in a definite way his will-
ingness to do anything that might
bring about an early peace, ac-
cording to reports from govern-
ment agents at the border today.
Villa is understood to have urged
his commanders to avoid fighting,
evacuating places threatened with
attack as evidence of a sincere de-
sire to make peace.

CARRANZA MASSES TROOPS ON INTERNATIONAL LINE

Laredo, Aug. 12.—According to
rumors in this city today 1,000 ad-
ditional forces have arrived to re-
inforce the garrison on the Mexi-
can side.

All is quiet on the American side
of the river.

A local Carranzista paper calls
upon its readers to make ready "to
defend the national honor."

APPEAL IS READY

Pan-American Conference Not
Disturbed by Carranza.

Wilson, Back From Cornish,
Tackles Mexican Tangle.

SEES DANIELS ON DEFENSES

President Seeks to Make High
Motives Plain.

Military Measures Not Aimed at
Neighbor's Sovereignty.

Washington, Aug. 12.—President
Wilson and Secretary Lansing con-
ferred for an hour today on the Mexican
situation. Details of yesterday's con-
ference in New York of the Latin
American diplomats were given to the
press.

Secretary Lansing said he had no
announcement to make as to any of
the other foreign problems confront-
ing the government. The appeal to
the Mexicans has been finished and
signed and it has been approved by
the president. State department offi-
cials were preparing today the list
of governors and generals to whom it
is to be sent.

President Wilson reached Washing-
ton from Cornish, N. H., at 9:30 this
morning.

Cabinet Meeting Off.

It was announced at the White
House there would be no cabinet
meeting tomorrow. The president has
determined that pending matters in
the various departments are not in
shape for general discussion with his
advisers as yet.

After his conference with Secretary
Lansing, devoted chiefly to the Mexi-
can situation and the work of the
Pan-American conference, Mr. Wilson
planned to see Secretary Garrison of
the war department, and Secretary
Daniels of the navy, to take up ques-
tions of national defense.

Secretaries were prepared to submit
preliminary reports as to what army and
navy officers believe is necessary to
build up an adequate military and
naval establishment.

The situation along the Mexican
border in Texas, where raiders have
attacked American ranches and where
several Americans have been killed
recently, also was expected to figure
in the conference with Secretary Gar-
rison.

With the return of the president it
was again reiterated that the inter-
national peace plan does not contem-
plate in any way the use of force or
the impairment of Mexico's sov-
ereignty, or interference in her do-
mestic affairs.

REBELS SOUND TOCSIN IN UPRISING IN TEXAS

In the battle between United
States troops and raiders at Mer-
cedes, Tex., Tuesday night, was
captured a flag bearing the words
"Army of Liberty of Mexico and
Texas."

A hand-bill also was found, read-
ing:

"Mexicans! Today we will ac-
complish a sacred deed. The revolu-
tion has acquired in a few days
gigantic proportions. We unite as
brothers to expedite these fortunes
of ours. In the solemn moment we
will vindicate our right and justice
for all time. May the light shine
upon us in all our undertakings,
and may it crown our forces in all
manner. Contemplate this move-
ment initiated in Texas which is of
such consequence as to bring about
the peace and justice we long for."

RATHER ONE OF SEVERAL WIVES

Women of Europe Ready to
Practice Polygamy.

Prefer This Condition to Spin-
sterhood, They Say.

USEFUL AS A PLURAL MATE

Home and Family Will Mean
More to Country.

Granddaughter of Brigham
Young Opens War Secrets.

San Francisco, Aug. 12.—Polygamy
as a means of repopulating Europe
after the war is being seriously ad-
vanced by Miss Emma Lucy Gates,
granddaughter of Brigham Young, pi-
oneer Mormon leader.

Coming from Europe since the out-
break of hostilities, Miss Gates pre-
dicts that the women of the war-
drained nations are today ready to ac-
cept polygamous marriage. She bases
her belief on twelve years' association

DAWSON WITHIN HIS LEGAL RIGHT

The Money Received as Attor-
ney Fee in Gas Case

Is His and State Cannot Take It
From Him.

GEN. BREWSTER'S OPINION

Attorney General Clears Up
Matter for the Governor.

The Entire Proceeding Was
Regular, He Declares.

Fees collected by John S. Dawson
while attorney general and acting as
an attorney for receivers for the Kan-
sas Natural Gas company, do not con-
cern the state and the state has no
right or title to them. Further, Daw-
son was acting within his rights to
appear as a private attorney in the
case. Such was the ruling today by
M. Brewster, attorney general, in a
special opinion to Governor Capper
concerning the legal phase of an \$8,-

TO REORGANIZE MILLS COMPANY

Growth of Big Topeka Store
Necessitates Change.

Boost Capital Stock From \$300,-
000 to \$450,000.

SALE DEAL WAS ONCE PENDING

Rorabaugh Company Attempt-
ed to Buy the Firm.

Stockholders Will Make Plans
Here on August 24.

Plans for the reorganization of the
Mills Dry Goods company will be
submitted to the stockholders at a
special meeting in Topeka August 24.
The plan under consideration may
mean the complete reorganization of
the company and an increase of fifty
per cent in the authorized capitaliza-
tion of the corporation. It is the
plan of the board of directors to in-
crease the capitalization from \$300,-
000 to \$450,000 or \$450,000.
Recently negotiations were con-

STATE DRAWS FIRST BLOOD IN TAGGART FRAUD BATTLE

Indianapolis, Aug. 12.—Judge W.
H. Elchhorn in criminal court to-
day overruled the motion to quash
the indictment against Thomas
Taggart, Democratic national com-
mitteeman for Indiana; Mayor
Joseph E. Bell, Chief of Police
Samuel V. Perrot and 123 others,
charged with election irregularities.
The court held that forty-three of
the forty-eight counts in the in-
dictments were valid.

The state elected to place Mayor
Bell on trial first, although the de-
fense asked to go to trial with Mr.
Taggart, the first defendant. The
date for the trial was not fixed.

MONEY COMES BACK.

Ford Will Distribute \$8,750 to Pur-
chasers of His Cars.

Distribution of rebate checks by the
Ford Automobile company will begin
Monday. Nearly nine thousand dol-
lars will be given out in Shawnee
county, the district covered by E. G.
Kinley, agent for the Ford in Topeka.
The Ford company announced a re-
bate of \$50 on each car, provided 300,-
000 machines were sold between Au-
gust, 1914, and August of this year.
That number, and more, were dis-
posed of in the allotted time and the

PETROGRAD GOAL OF ON-SWEEPING GERMAN ARMIES

Battle Flank Less Than 300
Miles From Capital.

Great Battle for Russian City
Close at Hand.

SLAV DEFENSES UNTENABLE

Muscovites Fight Desperately
Along River Dvina.

Terrific Sacrifice in Vain Effort
to Stay Teutons.

Berlin, Aug. 12.—(via London)—
Austro-German forces pursuing
the Russians who are retreating
from the Warsaw salient, have
occupied Lwow, according to an
official announcement by the Ger-
man army headquarters staff to-
day. Zambrowa also has been
captured, the statement adds.
Lukow is situated forty miles
northwest of the fortress of Ivan-
gorod. Zambrowa lies about
eighteen miles southeast of Lomza
and twenty miles northwest of Os-
trow.

London, Aug. 12.—The Baltic bank
of the German army under Field
Marshal von Hindenburg has virtually
attained the banks of the River Dvina,
between Riga and Dvinsk, with Petro-
grad less than 300 miles away in a di-
rect line.

Thence southward the line sweeps
west with the Russian fortress of
Kovno, still holding out, but next week
may see a great battle on the road
toward the Russian capital.

The second line of defense upon
which the Russians proposed to fall
back after abandoning Warsaw has all
the appearance of having been ren-
dered untenable and the British and
Russian press is insisting that the
Austro-German plan an ambitious
plunge deeper into Russia, with Petro-
grad as the goal.

In the meantime the Russian rear
guards are fighting desperately, espe-
cially in the critical Dvina region and
at Kovno, to capture which the Ger-
mans are making a terrific sacrifice
of men.

It seems plain now the Germans
purpose no great demonstration in the
west. They intend rather to press to
the utmost their so far brilliantly suc-
cessful Russian campaign, on the theory
that conditions in France and
Belgium are such that neither the
French nor the British immediately
will attempt a general offensive.

During the lull in activity on the
front in France and Belgium, the Brit-
ish public is looking to the Dardanelles
to bring the relief Russia so badly
needs, though the task of opening the
straits remains a difficult one, and
which some think may only be solved
by a change in the Balkan situation.

Both Germany and the entente pow-
ers are exerting the hardest pressure
on Bulgaria as that country is con-
sidered to be the key to the situation.
The Paris war office reports a re-
newal of German attacks on the Ar-
gona, where the French lines were
penetrated at one point last night.
Assaults are declared to have been
completely repulsed.

PLEA SET ASIDE

Judge Flannelly Maintains His
Jurisdiction in Gas Case.

Holds That He Has Power
Above the P. U. C.

Judge Flannelly of Independence
today denied the application of the
Kansas public utilities commission
for an order setting aside his decree
that the new gas rate schedule should
be held up. In passing on the case,
the Montgomery county jurist held
that he had full jurisdiction in the
case and was empowered by the
law to act and issue and enforce or-
ders as affecting the state commission.

Not only did the court hold that it
was empowered to try the issues in
the case, but it also held that the
commission that it would frown on
any delays or technical procedure.
The court emphatically urged an early
settlement of the case. He asked if
the state commission desired an ap-
peal and indicated that he would clear
the track for a quick jump to the su-
preme court. Time was asked by the
state commission lawyers to determine
their method of procedure. The court
allowed five days in which to an-
nounce further plans.

By holding that he has jurisdiction
in the case, Judge Flannelly will force
to early determination the issues in
the controversy between the utilities
commission and the gas companies.
Recently he issued an order
restraining the enforcement of a
provisional order by the commission
which assumed to increase rates from
25 cents to 28 cents a thousand feet.
The court held that this increase was
not sufficient to justify extensions de-
manded and ordered by the com-
mission. Now the commission seeks to
set aside the Montgomery county or-
der on the plea that Judge Flannelly
has no jurisdiction. This plea is
waived today and the court has
indicated that it is ready to proceed
at once.

BASEBALL TODAY.

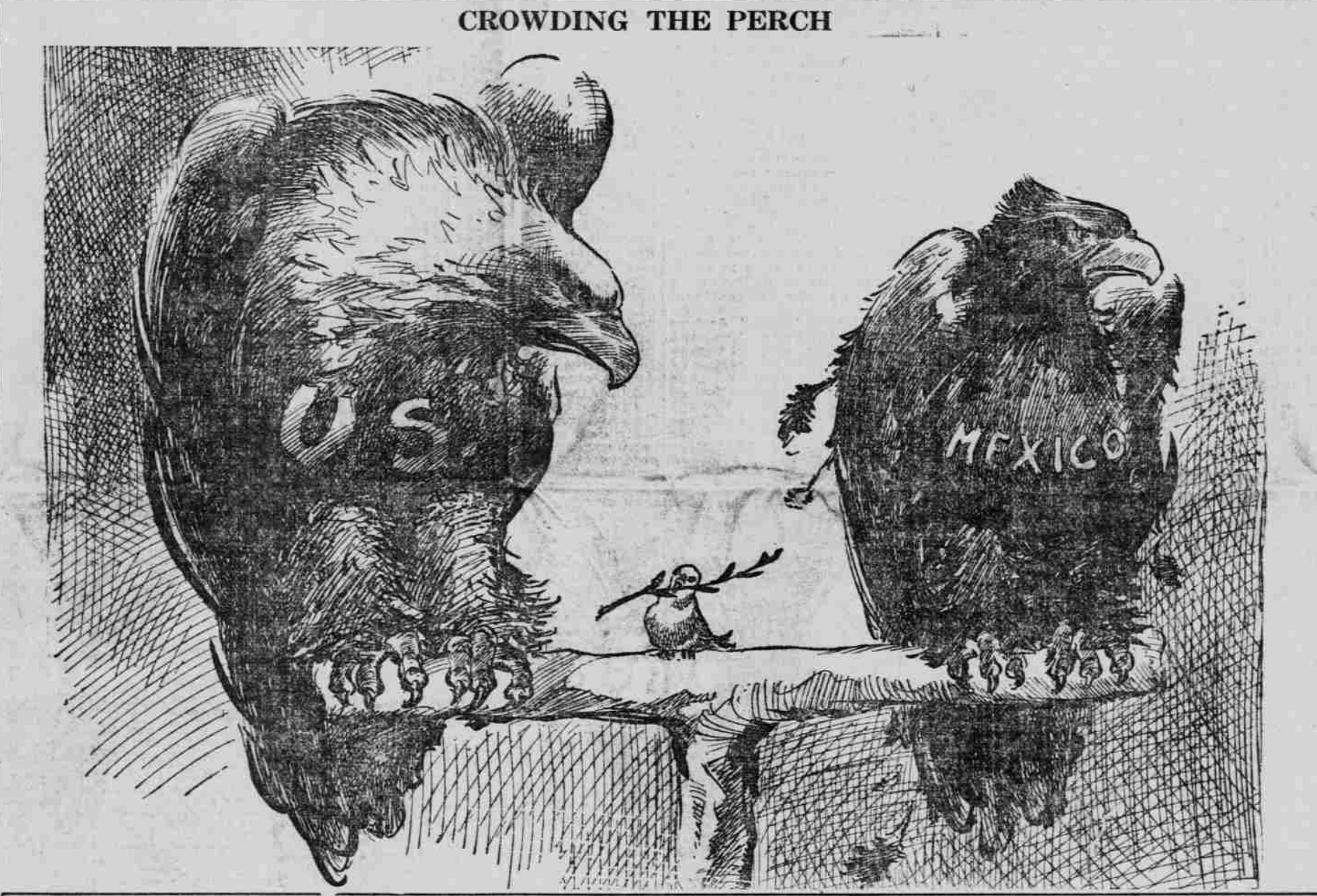
FEDERAL LEAGUE.

At Buffalo.—St. Louis-Buffalo, post-
poned; wet grounds. Two games to-
morrow.

At Baltimore.—Pittsburg-Baltimore,
postponed; rain.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

At Washington.—Washington-Det-
roit game postponed; wet grounds.



with European women in various old
world capitals.

Miss Gates, who for many years
sang with the Royal Opera at the
Kaiser's theater in Berlin, was re-
cently here as a soloist with the Mormon
Tabernacle choir. She spoke freely
of her faith in polygamy.

"I have," she said, "known many
families in Utah where there were sev-
eral wives, and I have known many
unmarried girls in Europe—where
matrimony is the only career—and I
am convinced the woman who is one
of many wives is happier than the
permanent spinster."

Rather Be a Plural Mate.

"Many girls in the old world have
told me that they would much prefer
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TAKES HER LIFE

Mrs. Mary Ruff, 320 Klein
Street, Commits Suicide.

Shoots Herself in the Head
With a Revolver.

Fearing that she might do harm to
someone Mrs. Mary Ruff, wife of
Frank Ruff, a Santa Fe machinist,
shot and killed herself with a revolver
at her home, 320 Klein street, at 11:45
o'clock this morning. One bullet,
which pierced her heart, brought
death to Mrs. Ruff. Dr. J. H. Rine-
hart, coroner, pronounced the death
as a plain case of suicide.

Before she shot herself Mrs. Ruff
locked herself in a bedroom upstairs
in the house. She scribbled with a
pencil a note telling why she wanted
to die. The note read:

"Nobody knows how I bought this
gun. The last spell I had with my
head I was as crazy as I could be. It
is better that something happened to
me. I have been afraid of my head
ever since I came back from Clovis.
My husband has been as good as he
can be. I hate to leave him but it is
better before I do something terrible."
—Mary.

According to neighbors Mrs. Ruff
had been suffering from a nervous
breakdown. She had returned Mon-
day from Atchison where she had been
visiting for a month. Frank Ruff, the
husband, was unable to explain the
tragedy. Mrs. Ruff was 32 years old.
She left no children.

\$25 fee paid to Dawson while he was
attorney general and in compensation
for his services to gas company re-
ceivers.

Under no circumstances, Brewster
ruled, is the state concerned in the
fees themselves. The money belonged
to the gas company and was paid by
the court under a direct order. If the
creditors for the company objected to
the payment of the fee, they had a
legal right through an appeal to the
higher courts. They have seemingly
slept on this right. As for the state,
it cannot legally claim the fee and
there is seemingly no way to force
Dawson either to pay the money back
to the gas company or turn it over to
the state. Under the new law which
compelled the payment of fees into
the treasury, Brewster rules that Daw-
son might still act as a private attor-
ney and claim a fee in which the state
could assert no right or title.

The opinion was rendered by the at-
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RAID IN GERMANY

Bombs From Air Dropped in
Rheinish Bavaria.

Eight Civilians Killed and Sev-
eral Are Wounded.

London, Aug. 12.—A wireless dis-
patch received here today from Ber-
lin says that French aviators dropped
bombs at Zweibrucken and Saint
Ingbert. Eight civilians were killed
and several wounded. The property
damage was small.

The French airship raid was made
over Rheinish Bavaria. Zweibrucken
is a town of the Palatinate, about
65 miles northeast of Nancy. It is a
manufacturing town of some 15,000
inhabitants.

Saint Ingbert is about 12 miles west
of Zweibrucken. It is near Saar-
bruecken, which was bombed by
French aeroplanes on Monday.

Postpone K. C. Tennis Games.

Kansas City, Aug. 12.—Matches in
the tournament for the Missouri Val-
ley tennis championships were pos-
tponed this morning on account of rain;
they probably will be played this af-
ternoon on gravel courts.

IS UP TO FUNSTON

Washington To Be Guided by
General's Report.

Seventeen Thousand Troops
Now Along Border.

Washington, Aug. 12.—War depart-
ment officials today awaited word
from Major General Funston as to
whether he needed additional troops
along the border to deal with Mexican
raiders. Upon his report will depend
whether the United States forces there
will be strengthened.

Unofficial advices said General
Funston had submitted a report on
the situation, and Governor Ferguson,
of Texas, had appealed to President
Wilson for federal aid, adding that
conditions were "perilous and grave."
Further strengthening of the border
forces will take practically all avail-
able troops in the country. There
are said to be 12,000 men available
for that purpose. General Funston
has already on the border and at
Texas City about 17,000 troops.

Officials declared emphatically that
any troop movement or the dispatch
of warships to southern waters had
no bearing whatever upon plans of the
Pan-American conference for ending
the revolution in Mexico, and would
be merely a precautionary step. Three
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Court Halls Hanging.

Fort Worth, Tex., Aug. 12.—Thirty
minutes before C. A. Myers was to
be hanged today, the clerk of the
court of criminal appeals in Austin
telephoned to the sheriff to delay the
execution until further notice. A writ
of habeas corpus has been filed before
the court, questioning Myers' sanity.

Weather Forecast for Kansas.

Showers tonight and probably Fri-
day; not much change in temperature.

presenting of the checks begins
August 15.

According to Mr. Kinley, about 175
cars were disposed of by his company
in this county during the fiscal year.
The rebate at \$50 per car will amount
to \$8,750 in Shawnee county alone.

Last year the Kinley agency cov-
ered a larger territory, but owing to
a large increase in business, their dis-
trict was cut down in 1915 and the
company now covers only the home
county.

WEATHER IS FINE.

The Only Exception Is in the North-
east Section.

The weather was fine in Kansas this
morning with the exception of the
northeast section where a shower
condition prevailed. The heaviest rain
was at Horton. Up to 7 o'clock the
precipitation there was 1.10 inches.
Rain fell at Kansas City and St. Joe
this morning. Topeka got an early
morning shower which netted barely
enough moisture to lay the dust.

The Kaw river is falling rapidly.
The stage at Topeka today was 10.8
feet as compared with 12 feet even
Wednesday.

The forecast calls for showers to-
night and possibly Friday.

The temperature today at Topeka
averaged seven degrees below normal
for this date. The wind was six miles
an hour from the southeast this after-
noon.

The hourly readings:

7 o'clock.....63	11 o'clock.....72
8 o'clock.....64	12 o'clock.....72
9 o'clock.....67	1 o'clock.....72
10 o'clock.....70	2 o'clock.....78

MAIL